

Conference on Distinguished Language Studies
in Hanover (near Linthicum and Baltimore-Washington Airport), Maryland
December 4-5, 2009

The Coalition of Distinguished Language Centers, the only international organization dedicated to research and application of research in the area of teaching and achieving native-like foreign-language proficiency, will be holding its seventh annual symposium at Hilton Garden Inn@Arundel Mills in Hanover, MD, on December 4-5, 2009.

Professors, researchers, administrators, and others with experience in teaching, studying, translation/interpretation, or assessment at the near-native level of proficiency in any foreign language are invited to submit a one-page abstract (exclusive of bibliography) on any aspect of language study at the distinguished level. (For those looking for a definition of “distinguished” level/ILR Level 4, a description can be found at www.govtilr.org). There will be several areas of focus: teaching methods and practices, language learning experiences, research, translation/interpretation, program development/management, and assessment (proficiency, diagnostic, dynamic, other). Whole panels may be suggested and abstracts submitted together, if desired. The working language of the conference will be English. However, presentations may be in any language, as long as there are enough presentations in that language to form a panel. Abstracts should be written in the language in which they will be presented and should be sent to the CDLC Operations Director, Boris Shekhtman, via email (sb@mysltc.com) no later than November 15, 2009.

Abstracts will be peer-reviewed. Notification of acceptance (or rejection) of proposals will be made on or about November 25. Following the conference, presentations will be published in a Proceedings volume.

Updated information about the conference will be posted on the CDLC website through the opening of the conference: www.distinguishedlanguagecenters.org. Before the conference begins, an emergency number for contacting CDLC staff during the conference will be posted on the website.